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PRESENT: Floyd, Goodrick, Hamand, Hockman, Lasky, LeDuc, Lynch,
Rooke, S. Smith, Stoner, G. Sullivan, Preston

ABSENT: Cooper, Sutton

VISITORS: Sharon Bartling (BHE), Cindy Quast (Eastern News),
Vice President Miller, Everett Alms and Martin Ignazito
(Physical Plant)

CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 1981:

Page 16, 3rd paragraph - The second sentence should read, "The motion was approved with one abstention."

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From Sen. Cooper - concerning classroom ventilation.
2. From Prof. Franklin - enclosing a copy of the IAB by-laws.
3. From the Chair - a copy of the memorandum to the President urging his support of the add-drop system.
4. From the President - the following letter:

TO: Dr. Hamand

DATE: November 9, 1981

Thank you for officially forwarding the joint recommendation of the Student Senate, Council on Academic Affairs, and Faculty Senate concerning the drop and add registration system. I have discussed the matter in some detail with Vice President Williams and Dean Taber as well as Vice President Rives. All of us are impressed with the depth of concern expressed by the respective groups and recognize the need to carefully consider the recommendations. To this end, I am asking that a special ad hoc committee be established. This committee would consider the recommendations you forwarded as well as other possible improvements in the registration/drop-add system. Of particular concern will be cost factors, timing and feasibility of making changes. However, I am requesting that the committee make its report not later than March 1 which would allow for implementation for the Fall Semester of 1982. The committee would be composed of the following individuals:

Dean, Student Academic Services
Director of Registration
Faculty Senate appointee*
Student Senate appointee*
Council on Academic Affairs appointee*
Faculty member appointed by President
Student member appointed by President of the Student Body
Staff member from Computer Services
Dean, Graduate School
Assistant Director of Registration (ex-officio without
vote and secretary)

* Preferably not a member of the original joint committee.
Student members should be juniors.

I would appreciate it if each of the responsible individuals
would see to it that the appointments are made as promptly as
possible in order that the committee can begin its work.

/s/

Daniel E. Marvin, Jr.
President

cc: Mr. Glover
Ms. Kupsche
Dr. Bartling
Mr. Henard
Dean Taber
Mr. Taylor
Dean Williams
Mr. Sardella

By consensus, the Faculty Senate agreed that the joint committees
had deliberated and recommended adequate reforms in the add-drop
system and that further committee deliberations would be unneces-
sary. Further, the Senate again recommended the immediate in-
stallation of the reforms.

REPORT FROM SHARON BARTLING FROM THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

The Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Higher Education
met in Springfield October 29 and 30 with the BHE Staff as hosts.
Richard Wagner, Executive Director of the BHE, Paul Lingenfelter,
Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs, and Robert Wallhaus, Deputy
Director of Academic and Health Affairs, spoke.

The main topic was money, specifically the 1983 budget for
Higher Education in this state. There may be no new money because
of reductions in federal spending, the sluggish condition of the
Illinois economy, and the claims on State resources which were
deferred in the 1982 budget. Funds are needed to annualize the two
percent "catch up" salary increase, to fund the retirement system,
and to cover tax relief measures.

Dr. Lingenfelter discussed the Staff's Budget Report. Some highlights of that report follow.

Graduate education is expensive. At the doctoral level the cost per credit hour is more than five times that of lower division instruction.

A great deal of money is spent on Health Professions. 2.9% of FTE enrollments are in Health Professions; 19.6% of total expenditures go there.

Off-Campus programs are being looked at by the BHE Staff with the thought that they should be self-supporting.

Shifts in student enrollment necessitate reallocation of funds. At the present there is no good way to predict these shifts.

Support Activities take 40% of the total budget for public universities. These are Academic, such as the Library, Student Service Activities, Institutional Support, and Operations and Maintenance of Physical Plant. The report indicates that allocations for support activities should not detract from funds for primary functions of instruction, research, and public service.

Community Colleges are continuing to grow. Their enrollment increased by 10% this fall compared to .1% for public institutions. Their headcount is 395,672 compared to our 195,398. They are funded on the basis of enrollment. Baccalaureate instruction is declining; occupational programs, general studies, and basic skills courses are increasing. The number of community college transfers to four-year institutions will decrease.

The BHE Staff has also done a Compensation Study, using FY 1981 figures. The growth rate of salaries was compared first to the rate of inflation. Nationally, average faculty salaries increased by 8.7% and continuing faculty received an increase of 10%. However, the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index was 11.6%. This study next compares the compensation in Illinois institutions to that at similar institutions in other states. Illinois public university faculty compensation in FY 1981 is 7.2% below the median compensation among similar institutions in other states when compensation is adjusted for cost of living. Faculty at public institutions are worse off than faculty at private institutions and community colleges in Illinois.

"Adequate faculty compensation is clearly an essential component of quality higher education... The quality of instruction, research, public service clearly depends on the quality of faculty and staff. Inadequate compensation can discourage able people from entering the academic profession, can contribute to low morale, and encourage faculty and staff to move to other institutions of higher education or to seek employment in a sector of the economy which offers greater financial rewards."

At the Board of Higher Education meeting in Chicago November 3, Directors of the Systems defended their budget requests. Donald Walters, speaking for the BOG, made an eloquent plea for Higher Education, for more more money for us.

The difficult question is where is money for Higher Education going to come from.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vice President Miller, Everett Alms and Martin Ignazito presented their positions concerning the ventilating system in the buildings on campus. After many questions and much discussion, Mr. Ignazito volunteered to compose a letter to the entire faculty about all the items covered in the meeting.... Mr. Alms requested that any faculty member who calls the physical plant about a heat or cold problem should check the temperature two or three hours later. If the temperature has not changed, call again two or three times if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, November 17, 1981, at 3:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

E.G. Gabbard
Secretary